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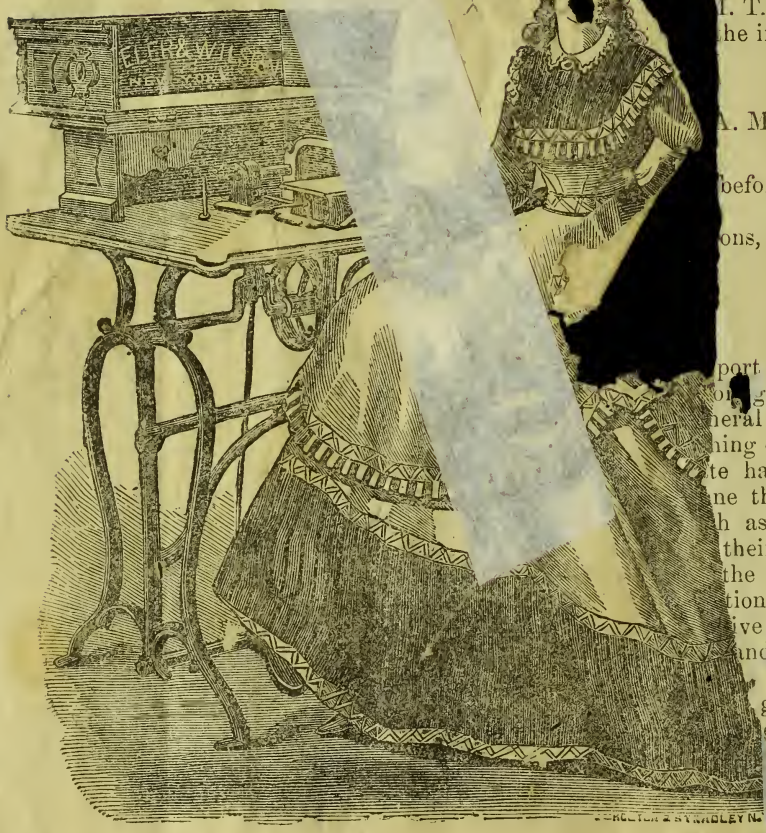

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vast power, congratulation as to what we have done were [illegible]. Only the confession of general ignorance on this subject can [illegible] from the charge of widespread infidelity.

Your Committee are glad to announce two discoveries, whi[illegible] hoped, will revolutionize this work. *First.* The Foreign Missio[illegible] located at Richmond, Va., has no special agents to collect funds [illegible] work, except in Kentucky, Georgia, and Missouri. But that [illegible] considers each pastor in this State its agent, to collect and forward [illegible] tributions to its Secretary, Dr. H. A. Tupper. Your Committee [illegible] that the pastor can be neither scriptural nor successful unless he req[illegible] his church or churches to contribute to this work each time they m[illegible] for worship. Not scriptural, because of 1st Cor. 16 : 2; not successf[illegible] because unscriptural. *Second.* Romance and eloquence can no longe[illegible] sustain this work. It must be supported by a revelation of facts. The people must know before they will act. Now the main source from which pastors and people can derive the facts about this work, is the *Home and Foreign Journal*, edited by Dr. J. C. Long, at Charlottsville, Va., in the interests of the three Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. Cost, per single copy, 50 cents; four copies, $1.00; ten copies, $2.00.

Respectfully submitted. W. C. LINDSAY, Chairman.

The Chair then appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Religious Services—Pastor and Deacons Darlington Church, Rev. Culpeper J. W. Burn.

On Accounts—Brothers Zimmerman Davis, Thomas P. Smith, Thomas Steen, James McIntosh, W. T. Blanton.

On Nomination of Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—Brothers N. Graham, B. O. Mauldin, H. W. Mahoney, R. N. Pratt, J. K. Mendenhall.

On Obituary Notices—Brothers A. L. Stough, J. A. W. Thomas, A. W. Parrott, J. L. Reynolds, R. M. Robertson.

On Nomination Executive Board—Brothers L. H. Shuck, J. F. Morrall, R. H. Griffith, W. H. Dowling, T. P. Lide, Sr.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting, and Persons to Preach—Brothers B. W. Edwards, W. H. Dowling, John Stout, J. W. Ward, T. W. Hart.

On Names and Postoffices of Ministers—Brothers A. W. Lamar, J. H. Dargan, I. W. Blanton, B. F. Corley.

On Foreign Missions—Brothers J. A. W. Thomas, J. A. Chambliss, J. W. Burn, J. O. B. Dargan.

On Domestic Missions—Bros. J. L. Reynolds, W. D. Rice, N. Graham, W. C. Lindsay, F. W. Eason.

On Sunday Schools—Brothers H. P. Griffith, J. A. Broadus, John G. Williams, J. L. Coker, T. H. Pope.

An appeal was made by Brother Reynolds in behalf of Rev. Thomas Dawson, when a collection of $27.31 was taken up.

The following was offered by Brother B. W. Edwards:

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be nominated by the President to take into consideration and report as to the necessity of changes in the Constitution, and whether any organic changes in this body is advisable.

The Chair appointed on this Committee Brethren John Culpeper, L. H. Shuck, Joseph Cox, T. P. Lide, Sr., J. K. Mendenhall, T. H. Pope and W. C. Lindsay.

otion, the following Special Order was adopted:
nday, 10½ A. M., the report of the Executive Board.
turday, 10½ A. M., Rev. Dr. Sumner to present the claims of
estic Board.
Saturday, 12 M., Rev. O. F. Gregory to present the claims of
nday School Board.

on motion of Rev. W. D. Rice, it was, after a lengthy debate,

solved, That it be recommended to Baptist pastors in South Caro-
to urge upon the churches to take up contributions for objects of
ristian benevolence on every Lord's Day, or to adopt some plan of
stematic benevolence, such as may seem, under their circumstances, to
e practicable.

After prayer by Rev. A. E. Dickinson, the Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. John Stout, from Philip iii. 13 and 14: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

FRIDAY.

After half hour spent in religious exercises, being led by Brother R. H. Griffith, the regular business was taken up.

The minutes were read and confirmed. New Delegates were enrolled.

Rev. John Stout then read the following report from the Executive Board of the State Convention:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

In submitting our report, we are affected by severe regrets that the hopes of the beginning of the Conventional year have been, to so great an extent, disappointed. It will be remembered that at the last Session the work of this Convention was entrusted anew to the Executive Board, with demonstrations of confidence and interest. A considerable amount was pledged to the support of our enterprises, and the co-operation of all the brethren was promised. A resolution requesting all the churches to send us quarterly contributions was unanimously passed, and our Brother Lamar's services were secured as General Agent. The Board felt encouraged. Our agent hopefully entered upon his work, and we wish to say he has faithfully prosecuted it. He has been singularly self-denying, travelling almost constantly, and not along the lines of railroad only, visiting the more prominent places, and the richer churches, but penetrating the country being at a distance from railroad facilities, and visiting many churches and neighborhoods that, perhaps, had never seen an agent's face. He has endeavored to secure wide-spread interest and general co-operation: has visited, in all, about one hundred and forty churches, one hundred and five of which gave him a promise that a quarterly collecti should be taken up and forwarded to us for State Missions. Everywh

brethren seemed pleased with our plan, and yet we have to ... out of the one hundred and five churches agreeing to send u... collections, only twenty-five have sent anything at all to us direc... agent has collected, personally, during eleven months' service ... hundred and fifty-five dollars and seven cents, ($1,455.07.)

But we are to submit for the consideration of this Convention, ... plaints and fancied grounds of grievance, but *what we have done*, ... far as we can, what others have done in the several lines of Christian ... in which this Convention is especially interested.

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK.

We have had funds to expend in this work, and must confine ourselv... to statements as to the doings of others.

There are in the Furman University forty-five students. Of this numbe... twenty are known to be professors of religion, and nine of these are avowedly preparing for the work of the ministry, and one other, it is believed, is seriously weighing the question of duty in this direction. The young brethren preparing for the ministry are receiving assistance, most of them, from churches and associations in the State, but of this we connot make a statistical report.

In the Seminary there were eight students from our State last session. Some of these received assistance directly from some of the churches and associations. The following amounts were contributed to the General Students' Fund of the Seminary: By the Saluda Association, sixty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents, ($69.75); Tyger River, one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and eighty-five cents, ($179.85); Reedy River, two hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty-cents, ($217.50); Abbeville, fifty dollars and thirteen cents, ($50.13); Edgefield, sixty-six dollars and seventy cents, ($66.70); Savannah River, $152. Total, seven hundred and thirty-five dollars and ninety-three cents, ($735.93.)

Our agent has been mindful of the interests of Furman University, and has presented and urged the claims of the Endowment plan on all fit occasions, and has secured, by his own efforts, several bonds, amounting in all to some three thousand dollars.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The Board has not undertaken any distinctively Sunday School work, but our Agent, in accordance with our wishes and his own decided inclination, has exerted himself, wherever he has gone, to encourage the friends of the cause, and stimulate interest with reference to it.

The organization of a Baptist Sunday School Convention for the State, and the appointment of a Board to further the interests of that Convention, virtually relieved us of any special obligation as regards this department of the work. That Convention has not held a session this year, but its friends hope that it will hold a session next year, and we believe it will then be demonstrated that the work has not been at a stand still, but that the most encouraging progress has been made.

Sunday School Conventions have been held in several Counties this year, *e. g.*, Barnwell, Edgefield, Newberry, Darlington and Marlboro, and the work has been better systematized. It is now evident that the Brethren, to a large and constantly increasing extent, appreciate the value of the work, and are seeking to make the Sunday School what it ought to be—a means of religious instruction for all, old as well as young

THE MISSION WORK.

Rev. A. W. Lamar began his labors for us the first of January as we have previously stated, has travelled almost constantly ...n. He has visited 140 churches, preached 246 sermons; has, ...r opportunity afforded, made Sunday School speeches and talks ...eign Missions; and we are happy to believe that his labors as an ...gelist have been greatly blessed. Some 60 conversions are reported ...nection with meetings held by him. We desire to set on record Brother Lamar's services have been fully worth the amount of his ...ry.

(2.) Rev. C. A. Baynard. The Board very promptly and earnestly ...ndered this Brother a renewal of his commission to labor as missionary ...n Beaufort County. He as promptly accepted it, and has been giving himself, with his wonted faithfulness, to the work, preaching at Grahamville, Robertville, Gillisonville, Beaufort, Great Swamp, Hardyville, Varnesville, and occasionally at other stations.

Brother Baynard located early in the year in the midst of his field, and has been all his time engaged in real missionary work. He describes the destitution as alarming, and the people glad to receive instruction from him. The Brethren of that section seem to be recovering slowly from their prostration. At Robertville, a house of worship has been built. Repairs have been made at Grahamville and Great Swamp. The Brethren at Hardyville are still reminded, by the ruins of their house, of what they have lost. At Beaufort, the struggling remnant of a once large and generous church have been trying to make their house fit for services.

The destitute field in this section of the State was so large that Brother Baynard urged the Board to commission Rev. W. B. Wells to assist him, but we were utterly unable to do so, and our faithful missionary was compelled to decline frequent invitations to preach, when preaching was greatly needed.

Brother Baynard reports that, up to the close of October, he had travelled 6,000 miles; preached 174 sermons; made 203 other religious addresses; made 800 religious visits; baptized 15 persons, and that others were converted in connection with his labors.

The Board felt that they ought not to undertake to support any more missionaries, notwithstanding the fact that inviting fields are opening up in several localities. This proposition, however, was made to several brethren, viz.: That they should act as our agents in their respective fields of labor, and supplement their salaries with whatever funds they could collect. Several brethren accepted this proposition, to wit:

(*a.*) Rev. O. F. Gregory, at Mount Pleasant; and we have had the pleasure of receiving quarterly reports from him of a uniformly encouraging character. The little church in that village is growing in numbers and in efficiency, and certainly presents a noble example of generous beneficence.

Brother Gregory extended his missionary operations to McClellanville and beyond, to a singularly destitute section, and on to Ocean Bay Church, in St. Stephen's Parish. He describes this part of the State as missionary ground, but he has been unable to occupy it.

Brother Gregory has preached, during the year, 226 sermons, made 932 religious visits, and baptized 19 persons.

(*b.*) Rev. W. J. Hatfield. This brother has been laboring ... "white unto harvest," and he has been blessed in getting a ch... members within the last two years, at Pine Grove, ten miles wes... den, in a very populous, but very poor neighborhood; and he h... prospect of soon organizing another church in his field.

The Board feel under especial obligations to Brother Hatfield ... hearty co-operation with us.

(*c.*) Rev. W. A. Gaines. This brother was induced to accept a... pointment from us as District Secretary for the territory of the ... and Bethel Associations, and he has kindly endeavored to enlist ... churches of his section in our work. At one time Brother Gaines, ... gether with Brother Pugh, filled 12 preaching appointments, and he r... ports that large accessions have been received by the churches.

(*d.*) Rev. D. W. Thomasson has labored along the line of York County in this State, and Gaston County, in North Carolina. He describes his field as difficult and destitute, but thinks our interests are on rising ground. Brother Thomasson has devoted himself earnestly to his work, and it is a matter for regret that he cannot be abundantly sustained.

For the six months closing with September, he reports that he had baptized 6; had preached 72 sermons; delivered 35 other addresses, and had made 65 religious visits.

(*e.*) Rev. W. G. Rollins has labored in East Chester since June. He is encouraged by the prospect, and will remain in that field. He has preched 50 sermons; made 58 religious visits, and has baptized 2 persons.

MISSION WORK OF THE ASSOCIATIONS.

The meager account of operations we have been concerned in does not cover all the mission work done in the State, and your Board have thought proper to lay before the Convention what has been done by the several Associations, so far as we have been able to get information. The recent sessions of these bodies have been, without exception, we believe, interesting and profitable. The churches report revivals in many instances—progressive ideas as to beneficence seem to be gaining ground, and a general advance seems to have been made.

The *Charleston Association* has been pursuing the plan of supplementing the salaries of the pastors of feeble churches at important points. They have given aid to Rev. A. K. Durham, at Camden, to the extent of $100; Rev. A. J. Hartley, at Georgetown, $200; Rev. O. F. Gregory, at Mt. Pleasant, $100; Rev. J. L. Rollings, at Walnut Grove, $50; Rev. A. J. Porter, at St. James' Goose Creek, $50. Total amount expended in Association Missions, $500. The Citadel Square Church, of Charleston, is still interested in the Rutlege Avenue Mission. The Association proposes to enlarge its operations during the coming year.

The Bethel—We learn that the Board of this Association is taking steps toward supplying some important mission stations within their bounds.

Broad River—From this body we have been able to get no information.

Savannah River—This Association has had our Brother Baynard laboring in their bounds during the year with the most encouraging success. They have paid him $400, and will secure his services for the coming year. The report of this brother's services appears under the work of the Board of the Convention.

—The brethren in this Association have spent their strength in al work, and have not attempted any missionary work. They ning two young brethren who are preparing for the ministry.

eld—This Association had the services of Rev. D. D. Brunson the first quarter of the year, and a great deal of efficient work complished. Our agent labored extensively in the bounds of this ciation, preaching at all the churches but four. The brethren have oyed Rev. S. P. Getzen to enter the field the first of next January, they are encouraged to go forward.

Moriah—No report as to this Association has reached us. It is be- ved that they have secured the services of Rev. W. J. Hatfield for the oming year.

Reedy River—The Associational Board employed Rev. W. T. Farrow, during the last year, to labor a part of his time in the lower part of Newberry County, in a section of country where the Baptists have been surrounded by other denominations and greatly discouraged. A good work was accomplished and the prospects are cheering.

Twelve Mile River—This Association has a populous region of country in Oconee and Pickens. The Air Line Railroad will open up this section of the State, and it is exceedingly desirable that energetic missionary operations be begun in its growing young towns without delay.

Welsh Neck—This Association, it is safe to say, expended $900 the last year for Association Missions. About $500 was appropriated to supplementing the salaries of pastors of feeble churches, and the balance was applied to the support of their missionary colporteur, Rev. John Culpeper. In several sections their mission work has been much blessed.

Tyger River—This Association had the services of Rev. J. C. Hudson during the summer, and all the time he could spare during the session of the Seminary. Brother Hudson's special work was to visit the brethren at their homes and endeavor to excite interest in the Sunday School work. In this he seems to have been greatly encouraged. The destitution in some parts of this Association is considerable.

Edisto—We have no information from this body.

Fork—This is a small body of nineteen churches, occupying a rather poor part of the State adjacent to Walhalla. They seem to have done nothing in the way of mission work during the last year.

Barnwell—There has been no mission work conducted by this Association during the past year, except in the department of Sunday School labor. In this they have done well, having employed Rev. A. Buist as Sunday School Missionary with gratifying results.

Greenville—Of this Association we have learned nothing definite.

Colleton—This Association has had a missionary in the field, who succeeded in establishing a church and was especially zealous in the Sunday School work, reporting six hundred scholars, when three years ago there were none.

Fairfield—This Association supplemented the salary of the pastor of the Winnsboro church, Rev. T. W. Mellichamp, to the amount of $300, and also did an extensive evangelizing work during the past summer with fine results. They purpose enlarging their operations during the coming year.

York—This Association did no mission work during the last year, but at their recent session $120 was raised for mission work within their bounds during the ensuing year.

Abbeville—This young Association has been remarkably [illegible]. They have five Mission Stations, and are about to build a house of worship at Abbeville Village, where Rev. R. N. Pratt is now preaching to a recently organized church. Adjacent churches have subscribed liberally to the assistance of this church, and we commend their interests to this Convention.

Orangeburg—This body has done no Mission work of their own, but have contributed liberally to our Board, and pledge earnest co-operation with us in the future.

It will be observed that comparatively little missionary work is done by the Associations. The best information we can get puts the total amount expended in this way at $2,600. A few of them, e. g., the Abbeville, Reedy River, Edgefield, Welsh Neck and Barnwell may be doing all the work of which there is pressing need just now; but in others extensive and inviting fields are uncultivated, and both men and means are wanting. Especially is this the case in the Counties of Beaufort, Charleston, Georgetown, Colleton, Williamsburg, Kershaw, Lancaster, York, Richland, Lexington, Oconee and Pickens.

We have submitted this hasty view of the entire field, in the hope that it may be of service to the Convention in enabling the brethren to determine as to their policy with reference to State Missions. With reference to that, your Board have thought best to proffer no suggestions, but we beg leave to refer to the fact that there is some dissatisfaction with reference to present plans. Various suggestions have been made, some of which we lay before you without comment. (1.) That the Associations be invited to give all their Mission work to the Executive Board. (2.) That the general agency system be abolished. (3.) That District agents be employed in various sections to collect money for State Missions in the fall of the year. (4.) That the work of State Missions be surrendered to the Associations.

Before closing our report, we must call the attention of the Convention to the fact that the bill of the printer of our last minutes has not been paid. Earnest efforts have been made to procure the necessary funds from the Associations. Only the Savannah River, the Reedy River, the Charleston, the Orangeburg and the Welsh Neck have responded. One hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents remain due on this bill now. We respectfully request that we be relieved of our embarrassment with reference to this matter, and we suggest that adequate provision be made by the Convention for the printing of the minutes of the present session.

For particulars as to our receipts and expenditures we refer you to the report of our Treasurer.

In conclusion, we have to say that we earnestly hope and pray that God may preside over your counsels, and lead you to adopt wise and practical measures that shall tend to strengthen and enlarge our Zion.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN STOUT,
Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. John Stout then read the Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board.

Minutes of the

TREASURER'S

JOHN B. CARWILE, *Treasurer, in Account with the*

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1872.			
January	22	To Y. J. Pope, former Treasurer	$ 87 50
Feb.	1	J. S. Coker	20 00
	10	Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent	112 56
March	4	Mount Zion Church, Newberry	8 20
	12	An orphan, (per Rev. John Stout)	5 00
	22	Blackville Church	3 15
	10	Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent	130 13
April	10	Flat Rock Church, per Rev. T. J. Taylor	1 20
May	4	John D. Pitts	5 30
	20	White Plains Church	2 50
		Spartanburg Church	10 00
	24	Philippi Church (Edgefield)	3 50
	31	Rosemary Church, (Barnwell)	5 95
July	5	Barnwell Church	10 50
	26	Mt. Olivet Church, (Chesterfield)	2 30
	27	J. D. Pitts, Treasurer Reedy River Association	2 75
	29	J. D. Pitts, for printing minutes	10 00
August	3	Swift Creek Church, (Darlington)	4 00
July	15	Newberry Church	25 00
		Sumter Church	8 75
	30	Gents Branch Church, (Barnwell)	1 50
Sept.	12	Edgefield Association	76 45
October	14	A. W. Lamar, General Agent	616 29
		Barnwell Church	6 65
		Darlington Church, (per T. P. Lide)	5 00
		Mezpah Church	3 00
	28	Newberry Church	25 00
Nov.	10	Rev. D. W. Thomason	15 00
		Rev. W. J. Hatfield	9 00
	21	Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent	521 68
		Rev. O. F. Gregory	14 00
		T. P. Smith and G. W. McIver	30 00
		Rev. W. G. Rollins	25 00
			$1,806 86
Nov.	21	To balance	$ 127 51

REPORT.

Executive Board, Baptist Convention, S. C.

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1873.			
Feb.	10	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, Gen'l Ag't, ac't, salary..	$ 92
		Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, traveling expenses.....	20 00
July	30	Rev. W. L. Brown, Missionary, salary, 1871.	50 00
March	12	Rev. Robt. Thomson, Missionary, salary.....	50 00
Feb.	28	Rev. A. W. Lamar, Gen'l Ag't, ac't, salary..	107 44
March	1	Rev. A. W. Lamar, Gen'l Ag't, ac't, salary..	22 13
May	31	Express charges on remittance from Rosemary Church.....	25
March	10	Rev. C. A. Baynard, Missionary, ac't, salary.	50 00
	17	Rev. C. A. Baynard, Missionary, ac't, salary.	25 00
	24	Rev. Jno. Stout, Cor. Sec'y, stationery, &c...	1 00
		Rev. C. A. Baynard, Missionary, ac't, salary.	10 50
	29	Rev. O. F. Gregory, for printing minutes....	10 00
Aug.	27	Rev. C. A. Baynard, on account salary.....	15 00
Sept.	12	Rev. C. A. Baynard, on account salary.....	50 00
Oct.	14	Rev. A. W. Lamar, Gen'l Ag't, ac't, salary..	566 52
		Rev. A. W. Lamar, Gen'l Ag't, printing.....	7 00
		Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, traveling expenses.....	42 77
	18	Rev. C. A. Baynard, Missionary, ac't, salary.	50 00
Nov.	10	Rev. D. W. Thomas, on Missions.....	15 00
		Rev. W. J. Haifield, on Missions.....	9 00
	12	J. R. Leavell, former Corresponding Secretary, for stationary, stamps, and printing.	17 00
	21	Rev. A. W. Lamar, Gen'l Ag't, ac't, salary..	333 48
		Rev. A. W. Lamar, traveling expenses.....	40 20
		Rev. C. A. Baynard, Missionary, ac't, salary.	25 00
		Rev. O. F. Gregory, Missionary.....	44 00
		Rev. W. G. Rollins, Missionary.....	25 00
		balance.....	127 51
			$1,806 86

lengthy debate, participated in by Brothers Reynolds, Broadus, Stout, W. A. and T. R. Gaines. Pope, J. G. Williams, Durham, , B. W. Edwards, and others, the Report was adopted.

sident called Vice-President Dargan to the Chair.

. F. W. Eason then submitted the following Resolutions, which unanimously adopted, after remaks were made by Brethren J. C. ıan, J. G. Williams, Burn, Eason and Dargan:

Resolved, That it is our conviction that the Theological Seminary, Greenville, has been of great value to the cause of Christ in this State, the influence for good exerted by its Professors and students, all of om, while being teachers and pupils, have been also ministers of Christ, reaching the word of truth wherever opportunity afforded, and more om the fact that a large number of these students are now settled in ur State, and among our most useful and devoted pastors.

2 *Resolved*, As South Carolina, in her days of prosperity, gave one-half of the necessary endowment of the said Seminary, and that having been lost by the war, that as we are not in a condition at present to repeat our former subscriptions, which most cheerfully and heartily we would do if it was possible—and that it is absolutely necessary the Seminary be endowed, and removal will crown efforts in that direction with success—therefore, most reluctantly and sadly we consent to see this noble institution remove to another State, and shall ever pray for God' blessing on it wherever, in His ordering, it shall be located.

3. *Resolved*, That we most heartily commend our beloved brethren, the President and Faculty of the said Institution, and the Iustitution, to the cordial reception, the love and confidence of our brethren in the State to which it is about to remove—our only sorrow and regret being the necessity which has arisen to part with those whose labors have been a blessing to us through all our borders, and whom we would retain with our whole hearts, could we do so.

4. *Resolved*, That when efforts are made to raise a new endowment, we will exert ourselves to the utmost to see to it that South Carolina shall not be found wanting.

5. *Resolved*, however, That in case the conditions upon which the removal of the Seminary is based should fail, we will rejoice to have it remain in our borders, feeling no desire whatever to part with it; and that we will hold it as warmly as ever in our hearts, and rally around it with all our energies; and that in this event we request the brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention to allow it to remain with us.

An invitation was extended by Dr. A. E. Dickinson, of the Memorial Committee of the General Association of Virginia, to this Convention to send a committee of ten, or more, to meet with them at their Jubilee meeting next June.

On motion, Revs. J. L. Reynolds, F. W. Eason, and J. W. Burn were appointed a committee to nominate ten delegates, and that the invitation be accepted.

The report of the Committee on Time and Place was read and adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting report Columbia as the place, and Thursday before the last Sunday in November next, the time. John G. Landrum to preach the Introductory Sermon; W. C. Lindsay, alternate. John A. Broadus, the sermon on Sunday; J. A. Chambliss, alternate.

Respectfully submitted. B. W. EDWARDS, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Nomination of the Executive Board was read and adopted.

Committee to Nominate Executive Board, recommend the following brethren:

President.—G. T. Scott.

Vice-President.—J. R. Leavell.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. John Stout.

Treasurer.—J. B. Carwile.

State Missionary.—Rev. A. W. Lamar.

Other Members.—W. T. Wright, T. H. Pope, Y. J. Pope, James McIntosh, M. Werts, G. S. Cannon, Asa Davis.

A resolution, offered by Brother Corley, looking to the appointment of a standing committee, was referred to Committee on Constitutional Changes.

After prayer by Rev. L. H. Shuck, adjourned.

NIGHT.

Sermon in the Baptist Church by Rev. J. A. Chambliss, of Charleston.

SATURDAY.

After half an hour's religious exercises, led by Dr. J. C. Furman, the minutes were read and confirmed.

Dr. H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was welcomed to a seat in our councils.

Brother L. H. Shuck offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board, notwithstanding the difficulty met with in obtaining statistics, be requested to incorporate in their next annual report the amounts contributed by the Associations for all our benevolent operations during the year.

Brother Culpeper, of the Committee on Changes in the Constitution, reported:

The Committee on Changes in the Constitution report as follows, viz: In the opinion of your Committee, no change of Constitution, or mode of procedure, would conciliate those who now stand aloof from the Convention, or increase the efficiency of our operations; nor would a change of name effect the object. What we want is a higher appreciation of the objects of the Convention, larger contributions on our part, and more consistent and persevering efforts to rouse others to a due sense of their obligations in the premises. We, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CULPEPER, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The special order for half-past 10 A. M. was, on motion, suspended.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Virginia Jubilee reported as follows:

J. C. Furman, L. H. Shuck, J. Culpeper, J. F. Buist, John G. Wil-

eng K. Mendenhall, T. P. Smith, John Stout, J. L. Reynolds, F. W.
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, Bier Pope offered the following, which was adopted:

sid*lved,* That the printing of our minutes be entrusted to the Execu-
. F. oard of the Convention.

anae Committee on Accounts rendered their report.

anhe Committee on Accounts ask leave respectfully to report that they *Rd* no accounts before them, being informed by the Treasurer of this reonvention that no funds have passed through his hands during the year he st closed. Your Committee have noticed, however, with deep regret, omhe report of the Executive Board, that the amount of one hundred and readifty-seven 63-100 dollars, for printing the Minutes of the Proceedings of om the Convention for the Session of 1871, still remains unpaid; and that ur no provision has been made for raising the funds necessary for the print-
2 ing of the Minutes of the present Session. They have been informed ha that some of the Associations have been accustomed to send up contribu-
b tions for this purpose, but the amount has always been inadequate. Your Committee would respectfully recommend that a collection be at once taken up to supply the present deficiency, and for providing for the printing of the Minutes of this Session. They also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the Churches, in sending up their annual contributions to their Associations, to include a special contribution to defray the expenses of printing the Minutes of the Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Chairman.

After debate, adopted, and a collection taken up, amounting to $39.25, to help pay for the Minutes of last year.

The Special Order was resumed.

The Committee on Domestic Missions submitted their report, which was read and adopted.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions, appointed at your last annual session, beg leave to submit the following for your consideration:

The subject of Domestic Missions is one which comes to us with peculiar claims upon our consideration. While it is not invested with so much of romance or novelty as other fields which invite our attention, it is still none the less deserving of our prayerful consideration. Nothing, surely, has higher demands upon us than the evangelization of those amongst whom we dwell. When the Lord of glory came on his mission of benevolence and love to our world, he came first to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel"—"to his own"—to the Jewish people. When on earth, his command to his disciples, when he sent them forth "preaching the kingdom of heaven," for the time, was, "into any city of the Gentiles enter ye not," and his final commission to his Apostles, to preach the gospel to all nations, contained the restrictive clause, "beginning first at Jerusalem." The conduct of the first proclaimers of "the glorious gospel" shows that they regarded this portion of the commis-

sion of our Lord as binding upon them, and the Apostle to t
himself, into whatsoever city he entered, preached first in the S
"where the Jews were wont to worship."

Apart from the example and commands of the Lord Jesus, t
ject has a claim upon our sympathies from the very nature of t
which it proposes to accomplish. Our feelings are naturally most
excited by what is nearest to us. We love those of our own house
more dearly than those less nearly associated with us. Our neigh
elicit more consideration than strangers, and those of our own cou
race, language, call our affections in proportion to their affinity to us.

The facility with which this field may be cultivated is an additional r
son for giving to it our special regard. Those with whom we are best a
quainted, whose manners, modes of thought, prejudices, partialities, an
language are most familiar to us, are, from the very nature of the case
most readily accessible to us.

Independently of the claims which this subject has upon us as individual Christians, it demands our attention as a religious organization—as the Convention of the Baptists of South Carolina. At a time like the present, we should be careful how we abandon any field already occupied by us, or relax our efforts in any department of Christian activity. Development is the order of the Christian life in individuals, and extension is the law of Christian progress and gospel diffusion. While we are to guard against extravagance in the expenditure of the means placed at our disposal by a gracious Providence, we should equally be on our guard against injudicious retrenchment. At present the objects of Christian benevolence which unite our efforts, and elicit our sympathies, are the Furman University, Domestic Missions and Foreign Missions. The Sunday School work has, in a good measure, been removed without the precincts of our special care by the circumstance that another body, specially designed to foster this interest, has come into existence within the past two years; and although it has failed, from some cause, to hold a meeting during the current year, its machinery is still in operation in the work set on foot through county organizations. The Theological Seminary is, too, we fear, to be removed from our midst. This being the state of the case, it behooves us to concentrate the energies hitherto exerted, and whatever new resources of thought may have been made available to us upon the objects specially commending themselves to our consideration.

The development of the spirit of benevolence in our churches demands it; the lack of liberality among them is a matter much talked of, and much deplored by us. If we wish to call forth the energies of our people, we must present, as objects claiming their sympathy, such schemes of Christian activity as most warmly appeal to their hearts. This is done in a high degree by the department under consideration. It has been truthfully said that "our benevolent feelings are best cultivated and enlarged, not by quickening our sensibilities towards large masses and widely spread evils, but by approaching, comprehending and acting upon individuals in a constantly increasing circle of influence." And while we do not adopt the sentiment of the resolution of the Presbyterian Synod of Scotland, passed shortly before the inauguration of the missionary movement under Carey and his co-adjutors, "that it is inadvisable to send a missionary abroad until every individual within our bounds has had the word of life intelligibly declared to him," we still claim for this subject a paramount importance.

that they be kept informed regarding the various objects of beneficence which our Convention fosters.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has a great work to do, and by the resolution adopted at the meeting at Raleigh, we are morally bound to sustain it by our prayers, our influence, our labors and our money. We heartily recommend *Kind Words*, our own Sunday school paper, to the Sabbath schools of our State, combining as it does Sunday school paper, with interesting and instructive stories; and also the lesson papers for the children.

The reports from almost all our churches bear to us the encouraging tidings that a large proportion of those baptized during the year just closing are from the Sabbath school.

In conclusion we commend the following corresponding letter of the Barnwell S. S. Association to all constituents of this body:

"Beloved, if you are not in the Sunday School work, *go in*—if you are in, stay!"

We submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, at Raleigh, in May last, and that this Convention pledge its earnest support to the S. S. Board in the prosecution of the great work entrusted to it.

Resolved, That every school is recommended to subscribe for a full supply of *Kind Words*.

Respectfully submitted.

O. F. GREGORY.

After which Rev. O. F. Gregory presented the claims of the Sunday School Board, and a collection was taken up, amounting to $20.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers reported:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

The Chairman of the Committee being absent, the other members have obtained from brethren present, at this meeting, the following notices of deceased ministers:

Rev. Joshua Gilbert died about the 1st of August last, at the residence of his son in Laurens County, within a few miles of the place of his birth; he was upwards of ninety years of age, and had been an ordained minister from early manhood. During the closing years of his life he preached but seldom, though possessed of remarkable bodily strength until within a few months of his death. His field of labor was not a wide one, and his views in regard to the interest of the Master's cause were different, in some respects, from many of his brethren; but he was full of zeal, strong in faith, and during the illness which terminated his life, frequently expressed an ardent desire to depart, and be with the Lord.

Rev. J. W. Nix, of Beaufort County, S. C., aged eighty-one years. He was forty-five years a devoted preacher of the gospel; a true Baptist; and though unlearned in worldly wisdom, was full of faith and the Holy Ghost, and accomplished much for Christ in winning souls. He died in the full triumph of faith on the 16th of July last.

Rev. P. Nicholson died in January. He was educated at the Furman Institute near Winnsboro; he spent his ministerial life mostly in York County, in North Carolina; he was distinguished for his great liberality.

From his own limited means advanced funds to a young minister at Greenville. At one time had two young preachers under his tuition without compensation, besides aiding them otherwise. Distinguished for his modesty as much as for his liberality.

To these must be added the venerable name of M. C. Barnett. The Committee are not in possession of sufficient information to give a sketch of his valuable life. Those who knew him will long remember his constancy and zeal in the service of our Lord, coupled with a diffidence which shrank from public observation.

Brethren Gregory Rollins, full of years and ripe for glory, and J. G. Kendrick, another patriarch, greatly beloved for his good works, also Rev. M. C. Barnett, have been removed from their labors on earth.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. REYNOLDS.

Adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Nomination of Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention reported:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the nomination of delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, beg leave to report the following names:

James C. Furman, D. D.; Jno. A. Broadus, D. D.; C. H. Toy, D. D.; Wm. Williams, D. D.; W. H. Whitsitt, D. D.; J. L. Reynolds, D. D.; J. P. Boyce, D. D.; J. O. B. Dargan, D. D.; J. K. Mendenhall, Thos. H. Pope, L. H. Shuck, A. K. Durham, L. C. Hinton, J. J. Getsinger, Jas. F. Buist, O. F. Gregory, W. C. Lindsay, Luther Broaddus, Robt. B. Watson, Jos. A. Lawton, Jos. M. Bostick, John G. Williams, B. F. Corley, Lucius Cuthbert, John Stout, Thos. Dawson, T. R. Gaines, Jno. G. Landrum, A. Rice, J. F. Morrall, Thos. P. Smith, J. A. Chambliss, Jno. G. Milnor, Wm. G. Whilden, L. Davis, Wm. Thayer, S. Hyde, C. H. Judson, S. W. Bookhardt, W. H. Jordan, W. F. B. Haynesworth, J. C. Smith, Y. J. Pope, John B. Carwile, J. R. Leavell, J. L. Vass, B. W. Edwards, J. H. Wideman, Wm. B. Carson, W. B. Jones, J. L. Coker, T. W. Hart, R. N. Pratt, B. C. Pressley, W. E. Walters, I. A. Blanton, L. M. Ayer, W. H. Dowling.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Adopted and ordered to be printed.

A resolution was offered by Brother J. F. Morrall, and was unanimously carried with a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are now tendered to the Church of Christ at Darlington, and the citizens generally, for their kind and generous hospitality, and also to the several railroad companies which accorded the privilege of passing over, at half-fare, their respective roads.

The Committee on Ministers' Names and Postoffices presented their report, which was read and adopted. (See note A.)

Brother W. C. Lindsay offered a resolution, which, after some discussion and amendment, as follows, was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this body are prepared now, as heretofore, to give their colored brethren, whether ministers or laymen, all the religious instruction which may be in their power.

Brother T. H. Pope offered the following:

Resolved, That we most heartily endorse the *Working Christian*, and recommend it to the support and sympathies of our brethren.

After remarks by Brethren Jno. G. Williams, Burns, Reynolds, Sumner, W. A. Gaines, adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother W. H. Dowling.

NIGHT SESSION.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. W. H. Jordan, the President introduced the Special Order of the evening, by an account of the efforts of Baptists in the State in behalf of Education, having special reference to Furman University.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Reynolds and Broadus. Agent Mendenhall then solicited bonds, and received about $2,100 in bonds.

On motion, the collection of to-morrow was ordered to be equally divided between the Executive Board of this Convention and the Furman University.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother A. L. Stough.

LORD'S DAY.

At 10 A. M., the Sunday School was addressed by Revs. J. A. Chambliss and J. J. Getsinger.

At 11 A. M., the regular Missionary Sermon was preached at the Baptist Church, by Rev. Dr. J. C. Furman, from III John, 7, "We, therfore, ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth," after which the collection was taken up, amounting to $

The pulpits of the Presbyterian, Swift Creek, and Darlington colored Baptist Churches, were filled by Revs. Shuck, Dowling, Morrall and W. A. Gaines.

At 3 P. M., Rev. J. A. Broadus, D. D., preached to a large audience in the Baptist Church, from Matt. II: 11.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7. P. M., the Covention was called to order, and after prayer by Dr. Dargan, was addressed by Rev. H. A. Tupper, D. D., Cor. Sec. Foreign Mission Board, who presented the outline of their work, and its claims upon Baptists of South Carolina for support. Rev. L. H. Shuck also addressed the Convention on this subject. A collection was taken up for the Church at Rome, amounting to $ in cash, and $60 in pledges.

The following resolution, by Rev. T. R. Gaines, was adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors of the different churches of our State, who have not already done so, be requested to preach a sermon in reference to the Rome Mission, and take up a special collection for the building of the Church in Rome.

The Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was taken up, and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Dargan offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the important department of Christian labor confided to the Domestic and Indian Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is worthy of the sympathy and increased liberality of the churches.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," the parting hand was taken, the closing prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Reynolds, the benediction pronounced by the President, and the Convention stood adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church in Columbia, on Thursday before the last Lord's day in November, 1873.

JAS. C. FURMAN,
President.

OLIVER F. GREGORY, Secretary.

NOTE A.—The list of ministers and postoffices was found, upon subsequent examination, to be so incorrect that they are omitted.

NOTE B.—The statistics of the denomination was also found to be incorrect, and, therefore, are omitted from the minutes. But according to the Baptist Year Book for 1873, the aggregate is as follows:

Churches, 644; ordained ministers, 361. Total, 76,796.

SYNOPSIS

OF

Meeting Board Trustees at Darlington, Nov., 1872.

The Faculty presented its annual statement, announced forty-five students in University, twenty of whom were professors of religion, nine of which twenty have expressed a determination to enter the ministry, and the whole number exhibiting high tone of character and most excellent deportment.

Finances of the University.—The University is out of debt with the exception of some $3,875, due Nov. 15th, to the Professors for their salaries. As to the endowment, a little over $100,000 have been raised during two years. It is hoped the balance will be raised during the present Conventional year.

Allusion was made to the fact that the Welsh Neck Association had resolved to raise an amount sufficient to endow a Professorship, to be called "the Welsh Neck Professorship." The Board hope this action will inspire and animate other Associations.

The hearty thanks of the Board were tendered the General Agent, Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, for the zeal and fidelity manifested by him in the

discharge of his duties. They had no fault whatsoever to find with him; they deemed, however, that all the money which could be raised upon the General Agency plan had been raised, and hence adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas the rate of increase in the endowment fund under the present plan of a single General Agent renders it impossible that the endowment can be completed before the 1st January, 1876; and whereas the plan of voluntary agencies which has been adopted by the Welsh Neck Association for its own bounds, and which has just been adopted by this Board, as the plan of action for the fields covered by the different Associations of the State, promise an early completion of the design; therefore,

Resolved, That the present General Agency be discontinued.

Resolved, That this action is taken with a full appreciation of the hearty, self-denying and valuable services of our brother, J. K. Mendenhall, as the General Agent, and that his salary be continued until the 1st January, 1873.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be empowered to employ at their discretion Temporary, Special and Paid Agents.

A list of names were handed in as proper persons to be appointed Special Voluntary Agents, to act in their own churches and neighborhoods, and raise money for endowment, which list will be published in *Working Christian*.

Steps were taken looking to the establishment of additional chairs and new Professors to fill them. It will remain with the denomination, the members of the churches themselves, whether or not this desirable end be speedily obtained.

Steps were also taken to endeavor to procure from the holders of them the Old Scholarships which were given before the war, and the using of which now seriously embarrasses, cripples, and threatens to destroy the University; and the Board most earnestly urge upon the friends of education who may hold these scholarships that they give them up, and thus facilitate the new endowment, which raised, the Board will throw open the doors of the University, free of tuition, for ten years, to all competent to enter.

Measures were set on foot having in view the re-opening of the preparatory department of the University; and also to hold mass meetings in various sections of the State in behalf of the said College, that the endowment might be raised in the shortest possible time.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. C. C. Bitting, of Richmond, Va.

The Female College was reported in a prosperous condition, with ninety-two students; the great need of said College is enlarged boarding accommodations on college grounds. If such could be had its prosperity would be increased an hundred fold, and it would probably soon become the largest female college in the State.

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